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In re Application of:

SZARKA, DAVID D.

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§ Examiner: **BATES, ZAKIYA W.**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO FINAL
OFFICE ACTION, MAILED JULY 24, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 24, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following Corrected Response to the Final Office Action mailed July 24, 2006, and respectfully requests Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks and amendments.

This Corrected Response is substantively the same as the Initial Response filed September 25, 2006, with the only changes being to the numbering of claims in the Initial Response. In the Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant inadvertently numbered claims 72-100 as claims 34-62. Applicant apologizes for any confusion this mistake may have caused.

As the three-month statutory period for reply ended October 24, 2006, Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) up to and including November 24, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the amount of \$120.00 for the one-month extension. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extension of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0149, for any underpayment of fees, or to credit same with any overpayment of fees that may be occur in association with this filing.